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FOLLOWING REPEAT PARIS 17361 SENT SECSTATE DATED JUL 3.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 17361

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, OCON, UNESCO, US

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH BELGIUM AMBASSADOR

VAN USSEL, UNESCO AND US PROBLEMS

1. AMBASSADOR VANUSSEL PAID CALL ON PERMREP JONES  
FRIDAY AFTERNOON IN LINE WITH GENERAL AGREEMENT TO KEEP  
EACH OTHER INFORMED. VANUSSEL SAID UNESCO WE 9 HAD  
FINALLY MET UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF IRELAND (ONLY SECOND  
MEETING THIS YEAR). ISRAEL-US PROBLEMS DISCUSSED IN  
SOME DETAIL. VANUSSEL SAID W. GERMANS FELT THAT THE  
PROBLEM WAS THAT OF THE US AND THE NINE SHOULD NOT TAKE  
ANY LEAD, BUT RATHER RESPOND TO US INITIATIVES. FRENCH  
REMAINED SILENT AND DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION ON  
REGIONAL ISSUE. GENERAL CONCLUSION WAS THAT WE 9 WOULD  
CONSIDER SUPPORTING A US INITIATIVE ON A GENERAL RESOLU-  
TION RE REGIONS, BUT WOULD NOT TAKE ANY LEADERSHIP ROLE  
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AND WOULD EXPECT THE US TO ACTIVELY SEEK SUPPORT FROM

OTHER REGIONS, PARTICULARLY FROM THE LDC'S.

2. VANUSSEL ALSO RECOUNTED A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH PROFESSOR LEMAIRE RE JERUSALEM. LEMAIRE HAS JUST RETURNED FROM INDONESIA AND STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR OF JERUSALEM ASKING HIM TO COME AND INSPECT THE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS. UNESCO DG M'BOW HAS ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH LEMAIRE AND ASKED HIM TO RETURN TO JERUSALEM UNDER UNESCO AUSPICES. VANUSSEL STATED THAT LEMAIRE IS READY AND WILLING TO ACCEPT THE MISSION AND WILL LIKELY GO TO JERUSALEM BEFORE THE END OF JULY.

3. VANUSSEL ALSO RECOUNTED DISCUSSIONS WITH REP. OF ARAB LEAGUE WHICH WAS ALONG SAME LINES AS THAT REPORTED BY PERMREP (PARIS 16302). THE ALESCO OBSERVER REP. ALSO STATED TO VANUSSEL THAT ALTHOUGH HE SAW NO SOLUTION TO THE JERUSALEM ISSUE, THE REGIONAL PROBLEM WAS NOT AN ARAB CONCERN. VAN USSEL SAID THIS LINE WAS ALSO FOLLOWED IN CONVERSATIONS WITH EL WAKIL, AMBASSADOR EGYPT TO UNESCO. VANUSSEL SAID HE HAD BEEN ASSURED THE PLO WILL NOT BE AN ISSUE AT THE FALL EXBD. MEETING.

4. VANUSSEL AGREED TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH PERMREP RE LEMAIRE VISIT AND OTHER ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN. IT WAS AGREED TO MEET AGAIN IN JULY BEFORE VANUSSEL LEAVES FOR VACATION.  
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